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Reply to
Attn of: ECL-111

David Godlewski
Manager Environmental & Public Relations
Teck Cominco American, Inc.
501 North Riverpoint Boulevard
Spokane, WA 99202

Re: November 14, 2006 Letter on the RI Work Plan

Dear Mr. Godlewski,

EPA has received the referenced letter which includes section titles and page numbers of the upcoming RI Work Plan.

We respectfully decline to provide comments on this document as it is the content and completeness of the document rather than length that is important to us. Teck Cominco has been provided with a list of RI/FS guidances and also has the Statement of Work from the settlement agreement and EPA's letter on RI/FS priorities.

As you know, there is not a single "correct" way of investigating the site. EPA has knowledge of the work and qualifications of, and has accepted the Teck Cominco technical consultants. Thus, we are very interested in seeing Teck Cominco's conceptual site model and proposals for investigating the nature and extent of contamination at the site, and associated ecological risk assessment. At this point, we want to avoid influencing Teck Cominco's technical proposals as we want to see the approach that your team develops. I want to assure you that we will provide ample opportunities for meetings with all parties once the document has been reviewed.

As stated on the second page of the Statement of Work, EPA will be providing Teck Cominco the names and addresses of the people who need to receive the Work Plan and other documents. I look forward to receiving your Work Plan next month.

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Please call me with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Kevin Rochlin
Project Manager

cc: Participating Parties
EPA Site Team
Marko Adzic, Teck Cominco